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SUBJECT: PLANNING FOR EVACUATION OF JAPANESE FROM PHNOM PENH

MANILA FOR EACG

REF: A. STATE 115317 (1970) B. TOKYO 4375

SUMMARY: FONOFF HAS DESCRIBED ITS EFFORTS TO REDUCE NUMBER OF JAPANESE IN PHNOM PENH AND REQUESTED OUR RECONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT TO COORDINATE EVACUATION OF JAPANESE FROM PHNOM PENH. END SUMMARY.

1. FONOFF FIRST SEA DIV. ACTING CHIEF, KAZUHARA, CALLED IN EMBOFF JULY 30 TO DESCRIBE JAPANESE EFFORTS TO REDUCE NUMBER OF JAPANESE IN PHNOM PENH WHO MIGHT NEED TO BE EVACUATED IN AN EMERGENCY. KAZUHARA SAID THAT JAPANESE AMBASSADOR HAD CALLED IN PRIVATE JAPANESE CITIZENS IN CAMBODIA AND URGED THEM TO TAKE TEMPORARY REFUGE OUTSIDE COUNTRY. IN ADDITION, FONOFF HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH HEAD OFFICES OF JAPANESE NEWS MEDIA IN TOKYO AND REQUESTED THAT THEY INSTRUCT THEIR CORRESPONDENTS TO LEAVE PHNOM PENH. KAZUHARA SAID THAT AS A RESULT OF
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THESE EFFORTS, THERE WERE ONLY TWELVE PRIVATE JAPANESE

IN PHNOM PENH AT PRESENT AND FONOFF WAS HOPEFUL THIS NUMBER WOULD BE FURTHER REDUCED IN COMING DAYS. KAZUHARA INFORMED EMBOFF CONFIDENTIALLY THAT FONOFF WAS ALSO CONSIDERING REDUCING STAFF OF EMBASSY (PRESENTLY EIGHT OFFICERS AND ONE DEPENDENT) FURTHER IN FUTURE. KAZUHARA SUMMARIZED BY SAYING THAT GOJ WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO REDUCE NUMBER OF JAPANESE WHO MIGHT HAVE TO BE EVACUATED IN EMERGENCY.

2. KAZUHARA SAID THAT HE HAD CALLED IN EMBOFF TO OBTAIN RECONFIRMATION OF 1970 AGREEMENT (REF A) TO COORDINATE EVACUATION PLANNING BETWEEN US AND JAPANESE EMBASSIES IN PHNOM PENH. EMBOFF AGREED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SUCH AN AGREEMENT, BUT CAUTIONED THAT USG COULD NOT GUARANTEE EVACUATION OF JAPANESE IN AN EMERGENCY. TO EMBOFF'S QUERY, KAZUHARA REPLIED THAT JAPANESE EMBASSY WAS IN TOUCH WITH US EMBASSY PHNOM PENH. EMBOFF URGED THAT CLOSE LIAISON BE MAINTAINED. KAZUHARA REITERATED THAT PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO OBTAIN RECONFIRMATION FROM USG OF 1970 AGREEMENT.

3. FOR PHNOM PENH: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY PHNOM PENH'S COMMENTS AND GUIDANCE CONCERNING STATUS OF JAPANESE EMBASSY EFFORTS COORDINATE WITH US EMBASSY PURSUANT TO 1970 AGREEMENT. IF IT IS NOT TOO MUCH TROUBLE, EMBASSY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING PUT ON DISTRIBUTION FOR CABLES CONCERNING SITUATION IN KHMER REPUBLIC AND US EVACUATION PLANNING, SO THAT WE MAY KEEP FONOFF INFORMED. SHOESMITH

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